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REMARKS

At the time of the first Official Office Action in the present divisional application, claims 1-6 and 8-13 were pending in the application. Claim 1 was the sole independent claim. All of the claims in the present application are directed to apparatus for removing solvent residue from a bed of biomass.

Applicants are pleased to note that all of the claims in the present application have been allowed over the prior art of record in the first Office Action. The only objections stated in the first Office Action were:

1. Claims 2 and 11 were objected to for minor spelling errors; and
2. The abstract was objected to for containing more than one paragraph.

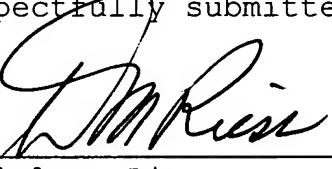
Claims 2 and 11 have been amended herein to correct the spelling errors. Claim 12 has also been amended for that purpose. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the claims for containing spelling errors should be withdrawn.

The Abstract has also been amended to set forth essentially everything that was stated before, but in single paragraph form. Accordingly, the objection to the multiple paragraphs should be overcome.

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For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the present application, claims 1-6 and 8-13, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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